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MEMORANDUM

HEF NEWSLETTER

To: HEF Ottawa Branch Members

From: Virginia Salares, President, Ottawa Branch

Re: Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Hypersensitivity

The Human Ecology Foundation of Canada has completed its review of the Ontario Provincial Government's Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Hypersensitivity Disorders. This report is available free of charge by contacting Ann Spring, Ministry of Health, 10th Floor, 1004 Hepburn Block, Queens Park, Toronto, Ont. M7A 2C4.

Below you will find a list of major concerns which, if you share, we encourage you to draw to the attention of the Minister of Health, the Honourable Murray J. Elston, at the above address. Also, we urge that a copy of your letter be forwarded to your MPP suggesting that he/she obtain a copy of the report.

The concerns are as follows:

1. Dr. Barry Zimmerman has been nominated as Chairman of the Assessment Team to evaluate the Report. Our concern arises from the fact that Dr. Zimmerman has shown on several occasions his disbelief in clinical ecology, most notably in the following documented cases: C.M.A. article, Nov. 1985, v. 133;
CBC Documentary on 20th Century Disease.
 2. A clinical ecologist has not been appointed to the Assessment Team and we feel it mandatory that the Canadian Society of Clinical Ecology be approached by the Minister of Health with a view to recommending that a member of the Society be added to the team;
 3. A standing liaison committee should be established to receive and represent private interest groups affected by the Report.
 4. The attention of the Assessment Team should be directed to a study of the existing medical double blind studies which were provided to Judge Thomson's Committee but not referred to in the Report. The double blind studies scientifically establish the existence of environmental hypersensitivity and the validity of neutralization techniques.
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5. The Minister of Health should request of Insurance Companies continued coverage for allergy serum until a full assessment of environmental hypersensitivity and treatment techniques has been completed.

Your individual intervention on these issues is considered vital.

Thank you sincerely for your interest and support.